

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A touch panel apparatus includes a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal section, an illuminating section disposed at a rear side of the liquid crystal section for illuminating the liquid crystal section, and a frame section disposed on an outer periphery of the liquid crystal section; a transparent resistive membrane type of touch panel disposed at a front side of the liquid crystal display device; and a spacer member disposed between the frame section of the liquid crystal display device and a periphery of the touch panel for defining a clearance between the liquid crystal section of the liquid crystal display device and the touch panel. The spacer member covers an area from a front surface of the frame section of the liquid crystal display device to a periphery of a front surface of the liquid crystal section while maintaining the clearance between the liquid crystal section and the liquid crystal display device.